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Cmr. George P. Bush applauds U.S. Army Corps Of Engineers for prioritizing flooding and storm surge mitigation projects In Texas

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AUSTIN — Today Texas Land Commissioner George P. Bush applauded the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) prioritizing funding for flood mitigation, storm surge protection and other disaster recovery and resiliency projects in Texas.

"As the state of Texas continues to rebuild after Hurricane Harvey we must also prioritize resiliency projects to protect against the next storm," said Commissioner Bush. "As we witnessed with Hurricane Harvey, storm surge and flooding can cause devastating damage. By prioritizing resiliency, we can protect against future damage along our Texas coastline, one of our nation's strongest economic engines."

Projects included in USACE's funding included nearly \$2 million for the continuation of the <u>Texas Coastal Protection and Restoration Study</u> and \$3.9 billion for reinforcement of existing levees and construction of new levees as recommended by the recently completed <u>Sabine Pass to Galveston Bay Study</u>. For more information on the Texas General Land Office's ongoing coastal protection and preparedness efforts, please visit http://www.glo.texas.gov/coast/coastal-management/hurricane-preparedness/index.html.

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